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OAS Proves Case Against Cuba —May Force Balky Latins to Act

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A scathing report accusing Cuba of carrying on a clandestine war of sabotage, subversion and shooting against Venezuela was presented yesterday to the Organization of American States.

The report's disclosures—and the evidence gathered by a five-nation fact-finding committee backing them up—were the first formal proof that Premier Castro's regime has been exporting his Communist revolution around the hemisphere.

Damning as the report is, the big question is just what the OAS can do about it. Almost every Latin American nation is as aware as the United States that Cuba is determined to spread communism by almost any means.

But when it comes to taking direct action, several Latin countries—for reasons of political expediency and a traditional hands-off attitude toward other Latin nations—are unwilling to crack down.

Some diplomats feel yesterday's report with its mass of seemingly rock-solid evidence will leave balky Latin-American governments no choice but to act quickly against the Cuban threat.

Others more pessimistically, and probably more realistically, feel that the matter will be first talked to death and then acted upon with kid gloves. "Short of a war, there just isn't much we can do that will really hurt Fidel," said one Latin American diplomat.

Yet after two months of investigation the OAS committee—composed of the U. S., Argentina, Uruguay, Columbia and Costa Rica—felt that Castro can do plenty to other hemisphere nations and is doing his best to subvert Venezuela.

The committee detailed Cuba's acts of intervention and aggression against Venezuela, specifically charging the Castro regime with:

A program of "hostile and systematic" propaganda, mostly by the powerful Havana radio. He almost daily broadcasts can be heard "praising and stimulating terrorist and guerrilla activities" of the underground Armed Forces of Nationalist Liberation (FALN), which has caused nearly \$20 million in property damage in the last two years and killed scores of police, soldiers and innocent bystanders. Tons of books, leaflets and other subversive printed matter are also shipped into Venezuela from Cuba.

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